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	Art Unit	
	Examiner Name	Frances Hicks
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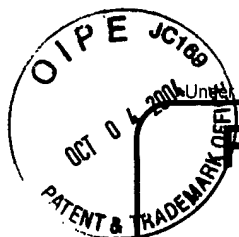
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Multiple Dependent			

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

Applicant : Ralph F. Kalies
Serial No. : 10/681,955
Filed : October 8, 2003
Title : METHOD FOR PROCESSING AND ORGANIZING PHARMACY
DATA
Docket : 036806-432
Examiner : Frances Hicks

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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)

With regard to the above-identified patent application, wherein Ralph F. Kalies is the sole named inventor (the "applicant"), this Request for Reconsideration is filed in response to Office of Petition's decision refusing status under 37 CFR 1.47(b) mailed July 30, 2004 (copy enclosed), and is accompanied by:

- (1) Petition and Statement of Facts in Support of Filing on Behalf of Inventor Refusing to Sign (37 CFR 1.47(b)) dated March 30, 2004
- (2) Declaration under 37 CFR 1.63
- (3) Power of Attorney executed by Regis T. Robbins, Vice President of Omnicare, Inc., on March 19, 2004, authorizing the undersigned to act on behalf of the Assignee, Omnicare, Inc.
- (4) Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document

Action Requested

Request for reconsideration of the decision refusing status under 37 CFR 1.47(b) is hereby made in the above-identified application. In particular, the decision refusing status under

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37 CFR 1.47(b) in response to applicant's petition filed on March 30, 2004 dismissing such petition stated in pertinent part that:

A grantable petition under **37 CFR 1.47(a)** requires (1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings); (2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116; (3) the petition fee; and (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor. **Applicant lacks item (2) set forth above** (emphasis mine).

The decision further stated that:

As to item (2), the declaration submitted with the petition lacks compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64. The signature block for Ralph F. Kalies is missing. Accordingly, an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 signed by the Rule 1.47 applicant on behalf of Kalies is required. See **MPEP 409.03(a)** (emphasis mine).

The commissioner is kindly requested to reconsider the decision refusing status since all of the requirements for a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) as indicated in MPEP 409.03(b) where there is "no inventor available" to make the application. In other words, this petition is not a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), but is a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b). As indicated above, the words from the initial decision dismissing the petition misperceived the basis of our 37 CFR 1.47(b) petition. Consequently, applicant respectfully requests a review of this Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(b) and the accompanying documents in order to allow the application to pass to examination.

Remarks

The terms of the decision refusing status indicated that the applicant simply lacked item (2), referring to the declaration, and that the other requirements are satisfied for a grantable petition. Applicants have enclosed the initial Petition and Statement of Facts in Support of Filing on Behalf of Inventor Refusing to Sign (37 CFR 1.47(b)) for reconsideration by the Office of Petitions, the content of which is hereby incorporated by reference. Since the deficiency that is to be addressed relates to the oath or declaration, the remainder of this request for

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reconsideration will focus on those requirements and the MPEP 409.03(b) comments relating to the making of such an oath or declaration as follows:

Where a corporation is the 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant, an officer (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer or chief executive officer) thereof should normally sign the necessary oath or declaration. A corporation may authorize any person, including an attorney or agent registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, to sign the application, oath or declaration on its behalf.

Where an oath or declaration is signed by a registered attorney or agent on behalf of a corporation, either proof of the attorney's or agent's authority in the form of a statement signed by an appropriate corporate officer must be submitted, or the attorney or agent may simply state that he or she is authorized to sign on behalf of the corporation.

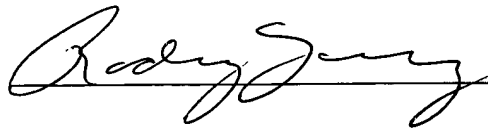
In this particular instance, a corporation, Omnicare, Inc., is the 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant and an officer of the corporation has authorized the undersigned registered attorney to sign the application declaration on behalf of the corporation. A Declaration executed by the undersigned registered attorney is herewith enclosed.

These remarks and the enclosed documents should wholly satisfy the requirement of 37 CFR 1.47(b) and the above-identified application should be allowed to pass to examination.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$130.00 to cover the cost of the petition. In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests granting of this Request for Reconsideration. Please direct any questions regarding this matter to Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 9/29/04



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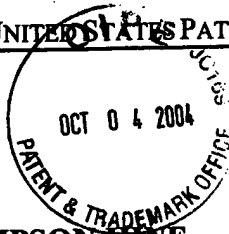
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In re Application of
Ralph F. Kalies
Application No. 10/681,955
Filed: October 8, 2003
Attorney Docket No. 036806.00432

This is in response to the petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(b), filed March 30, 2004.

The petition is dismissed.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. **FAILURE TO RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT OF THE APPLICATION.** Any extensions of time will be governed by 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires: (1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings); (2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116; (3) the petition fee; and (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor. Applicant lacks item (2) set forth above.

As to item (2), the declaration submitted with the petition lacks compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64. The signature block for Ralph F. Kalies is missing. Accordingly, an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 signed by the Rule 1.47 applicant on behalf of Kalies is required. See MPEP 409.03(a).

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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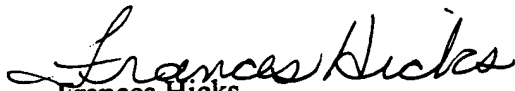
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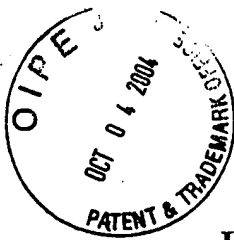
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Frances Hicks
Lead Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions
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IN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b): Omnicare, Inc.

Inventor: Ralph F. Kalies

Filed: 10/08/2003

Art Unit: 2171

Serial No: 10/681,955

Docket No. 036806.00432

For: METHOD FOR PROCESSING AND ORGANIZING PHARMACY DATA

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**PETITION AND STATEMENT OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF
FILING ON BEHALF OF INVENTOR REFUSING TO SIGN
(37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b))**

With regard to the above-identified patent application, wherein Omnicare, Inc. is the applicant under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) (the "Applicant") and Ralph F. Kalies is the inventor (the "Inventor"), this petition is filed in response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" mailed January 5, 2004 (copy enclosed), and is accompanied by:

- 1) a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 executed by the undersigned, an attorney registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office;
- 2) a Power of Attorney signed by an officer of Applicant, authorizing the undersigned to act on behalf of Applicant;
- 3) an assignment from the Inventor to Applicant (the "Assignment") for "METHOD FOR PROCESSING AND ORGANIZING PHARMACY DATA" (the "Invention").
- 4) a Notice of Recordation Form Cover Sheet for the Assignment, for Patent Application No. 10/681,955, recorded at reel 014396, frame 0336;
- 5) a declaration by attorney James R. Eley in support of filing on behalf of inventor, evidencing the Inventor's refusal to sign papers for the above-referenced application; and
- 6) a check in the amount of \$ 370.00 representing the following fees:

\$ 130.00	missing parts surcharge;
\$ 130.00	petition fee (37 CFR §1.17(i)); and
\$ 110.00	extension of time fee (37 CFR §1.17(a)(1)).

I. Action Requested

Petition is hereby made in the above-identified application for the Commissioner to:

- 1) grant a one-month extension of time for reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
- 2) accord the above-identified application status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) as a "Filing When an Inventor Refuses to Sign or Cannot Be Reached;" and
- 3) accept the accompanying declaration as fulfillment of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 to submit an oath or declaration for the above-identified application and allow the application to pass to examination.

II. Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63

In accordance with MPEP § 409.03(b), "No Inventor Available:"

- 1) The accompanying declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 was executed by the undersigned, an attorney registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and authorized to sign on behalf of the Applicant; and
- 2) an executed Power of Attorney authorizing the undersigned to act on behalf of Applicant is attached hereto as proof of authority to execute said Declaration.

III. Right of Assignee to Take Action

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the Applicant offers as evidence of its right to take action on behalf of the Inventor a copy of the Assignment for the Invention, attached hereto, in which the Inventor assigned a 100% undivided interest in the Invention to Applicant. The Assignment is recorded in the Office at reel 014396, frame 0336. In the Assignment the Inventor further agreed to "execute all necessary and lawful future documents, including assignments in favor of Assignee . . . in order to perfect title in said Invention, modifications, and improvements in said Invention, applications and letters Patent" Pursuant to his employment agreement with Applicant, the Inventor is also obligated to assign all patent rights in the Invention to the Applicant.

IV. Relationship of Applicant to Inventor

The Inventor is a former employee of the Applicant.

V. Statement of the Facts, Proving that Inventor Refuses to Execute the Application Papers

Diligent efforts have been made by the Applicant to persuade the Inventor to execute the declaration for the above-identified application. However all attempts by Applicant to obtain the signature of the nonsigning Inventor have been unsuccessful. A summary of events relating to the above-identified application is provided below:

October 8, 2002	Provisional Patent Application filed, entitled "METHOD FOR PROCESSING AND ORGANIZING PHARMACY DATA," Serial No. 60/416,810.
October 14, 2002	Assignment from Inventor to Applicant (the "Assignment") executed for "METHOD FOR PROCESSING AND ORGANIZING PHARMACY DATA" (the "Invention").
October 22, 2002	Assignment recorded at reel 013424, frame 0631 at U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/416,810.
October 31, 2002	(on or about) Inventor's employment agreement with Applicant expires.
October 7, 2003	Communication from attorney James R. Eley to Inventor notifying Inventor that non-provisional applications have been finalized and are ready for review by Inventor.
October 8, 2003	Nonprovisional Application for Patent filed, entitled "METHOD FOR PROCESSING AND ORGANIZING PHARMACY DATA," claiming the benefit of Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/416,810.
October 10, 2003	Communication from attorney Michael A. Forhan to Inventor attaching patent application specification, claims and drawings for his review.
October 13, 2003	Communication from Pixie I. Picketts, assistant to attorneys James R. Eley and Michael A. Forhan, forwarding Declaration and Power of Attorney forms to Inventor for his review and execution.
October 27, 2003	Communication from attorney James R. Eley to Applicant, noting that Inventor received patent documents and noting Inventor's willingness to sign, pending Applicant's approval of same.
November 7, 2003	Communication from attorney James R. Eley to Inventor, supplying Applicant's approval for Inventor to execute patent documents.
January 5, 2004	Notice to File Missing Parts issued by U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
March 4, 2004	Assignment recorded at reel 014396, frame 0336 at U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for Non-provisional Patent Application Serial No. 10/681,955.
March 26, 2004	Declaration from Attorney James R. Eley indicating that, in a meeting with the Inventor, the Inventor declined to sign the patent documents.

VI. Last Known Address of Inventor Refusing to Sign

The last known address of the Inventor is as follows:

Ralph F. Kalies
5772 Kumbier Road
Pickett, WI 54964

VII. Proof of Applicant's Proprietary Interest

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b), the Applicant offers as evidence of its proprietary interest in the Invention a copy of the Assignment for the Invention, attached hereto, in which the Inventor assigned a 100% undivided interest in the Invention to Applicant. The Assignment is recorded in the Office at reel 014396, frame 0336. In the Assignment the Inventor further agreed to "execute all necessary and lawful future documents, including assignments in favor of Assignee . . . in order to perfect title in said Invention, modifications, and improvements in said Invention, applications and letters Patent" Pursuant to his employment agreement with Applicant, the Inventor is also obligated to assign all patent rights in the Invention to the Applicant.

VIII. Necessity of Filing Application

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b), the Applicant hereby states that filing of the above-identified patent application is necessary to preserve the rights of the parties identified herein with regard to the Invention. Given the above circumstances, submission of the present Petition is believed to be the only course of action which will enable the application to proceed. Further, if the application is not allowed to proceed, Applicant will suffer irreparable damage due to the loss of the claim for priority for the Invention established under 35 U.S.C. § 120 with provisional patent application number 60/416,810.


IX. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, including the supporting evidence submitted herewith, grant of this Petition is hereby requested.

Please direct any questions regarding this Petition to Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted:

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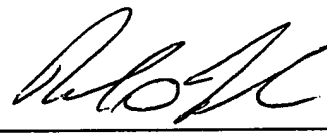
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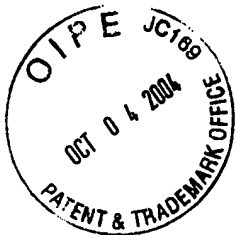
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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.63

As attorney of record for the Assignee, Omnicare, Inc., I hereby declare that:

The name, residence, post office address and citizenship of the inventor are as follows:

Name of Sole Inventor : Ralph F. Kalies
Residence : 5770 Kumbier Road, Picket, Wisconsin, 54964
Citizenship : U.S.A.
Post Office Address : 5770 Kumbier Road, Picket, Wisconsin, 54964

I verily believe that Ralph F. Kalies is the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled:

METHOD FOR PROCESSING AND ORGANIZING PHARMACY DATA

described and claimed

_____ in the attached specification;
X in the specification filed October 8, 2003,
as U.S. Application No. 10/681,955,
and as amended _____.

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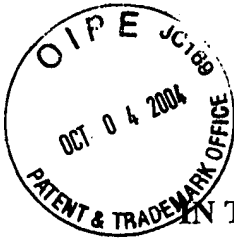
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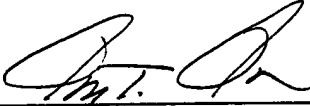
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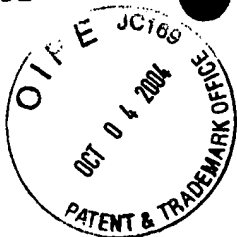
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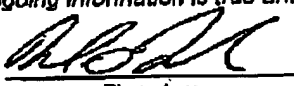
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Whereas, I, the above-identified Inventor, have invented certain new and useful improvements in:
METHOD FOR PROCESSING AND ORGANIZING PHARMACY DATA

(hereinafter referred to as "Invention") for which I am making application for Letters Patent in the United States of America;

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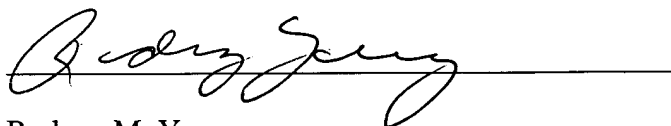
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